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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing two (2) references that are also enclosed. In addition, Applicants would like to bring the following facts to the Examiner's attention.

On March 3, 2000, a customer of Polypros Inc., the assignee of the above-identified application, submitted two Requests for Quotations for mixing systems having certain performance capabilities. On April 25, 2000, Polypros submitted quotes in response to the Requests for Quotations. At the time the quotes were submitted, the Applicants had not even conceived of the methods and apparatus claimed in the above-identified application. On May 4, 2000 and May 19, 2000, the customer submitted Purchase Orders to Polypros for the mixing systems. Some time after May 19, 2000, during the development of the mixing systems for the customer, the Applicants conceived of the claimed methods and apparatus. At least certain aspects of the claimed methods and apparatus were incorporated into the mixing systems, which were shipped to the customer on November 3, 2000. The customer was not aware of the claimed methods and apparatus, or of the means by which Polypros was able to meet the performance capabilities requested in the Purchase Orders, until Polypros installed the mixing systems at the customer's facility some time after November 3, 2000.

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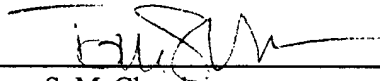
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Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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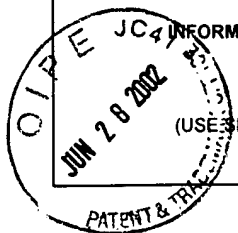
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